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SUBJECT: CW -- VIETNAM REPLIES TO US CHARGES
1. THE SRV MISSION TO THE UN DISTRIBUTED IN A PRESS RELEASE DATED OCTOBER 8 A RETORT TO US CHARGES ON THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS. HANOI'S REPLY IS IN THE FORM OF AN OCTOBER 7 VNA RELEASE THAT QUOTES A RECENT NHAN DAN ARTICLE BY A PROFESSOR TON THAT TUNG.

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2. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE ARTICLE ARE:
- THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF THE MYCOTOXINS CITED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT--NIVALENOL AND THE T2 TOXIN--WERE DISCOVERED IN 1958 IN JAPAN THE US RESPECTIVELY. THE LATTER OF THE TWO SUBSTANCES IS IN TURN EXTRACTED FROM A CHEMICAL READILY AVAILABLE ON THE US COMMERCIAL MARKET.
- THE US EVIDENCE IS EXTREMELY THIN SCIENTIFICALLY, AND RAISES MANY MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT ANSWERS. A NUMBER OF US SCIENTISTS, AS WELL AS THOSE IN VIETNAM, ARE "DEEPLY SHOCKED" BY THE US CHARGES.
- THE US IS NOT "MORALLY QUALIFIED" TO LEVEL SUCH CHARGES, GIVEN ITS OWN USE OF CW IN VIETNAM OVER AN

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EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD, A USE SOLIDLY SUBSTANTIATED BY
SCIENTISTS IN EUROPE AND AMERICA.
-- THE CURRENT US CHARGES MAY BE DESIGNED TO COVER THE
US BUILDUP OF ITS CW STOCKPILE, PARTICULARLY ITS NEW
BINARY WEAPONS.
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